कृषि मौसम के दौरान 100 दिन का सुनिश्चित रोजगार मुहैया कराना है । यह योजना देश के 2000 से अधिक खंडों में चलाई जा रही है जो सूखाग्रस्त क्षेत्रों, मरूभूमि क्षेत्रों और पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों में अवस्थित है। समन्वित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम के मामले में इसकी प्रभावोत्पादकता ने वृद्धि करते के लिए हाल ही में कई उपाय किए गए हैं। इन उपायों में चालू वर्ष के दौरान प्रति परिवार लक्षित निवेश स्तर में वृद्धि करके इसे 12,000 रुपए करना शामिल है। उच्च निवेश स्तर को आसान बनाने के लिए चालू वर्ष के दौरान देश के 213 जिलों में पारिवारिक ऋण योजना आरंभ की गई है। यह मानते हुए कि समन्वित ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम परियोजनाओं की व्यवहार्यता में ढांचागत विकास की एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका होती है, ढांचागत विकास के लिए निवेश के मानदण्डों को काफी हद तक विकेन्द्रीकृत किया गया है। पहले लागू निर्धारित सीमा समाप्त कर दी गई है और अब 11,000 रुपए की गरीबी की रेखा से कम आय वाले किसी भी परिवार की इस कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत सहायता दी जा सकती है।

Self-Employment Schemes for women

1652. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to provide self employment to women in the rural areas of Baroda, Bharuch, Surat and Panchmahal districts in Gujarat is under consideration of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a scheme, Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas DWCRA) started since 1982-83 is already under implementation in all the districts of the country including Baroda, Bharuch, Surat and Panchmahal in Gujarat. DWCRA provides self employment opportunities to Women in rural areas below the poverty line. DWCRA focusses attention on groups of 10—15 women and provides revolving funds of Rs. 15,000 per group.

(c) Does not arise.

Implementation of tree growers cooperation project

1653. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Tree Growers Cooperative Federation Limited, Anand is implementing a tree growers cooperative projects in various States with assistance from the National Dairy Development Board and foreign agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the States in which this project has been started or is likely to be started, and

(c) the investment made by NDDB and the financial assistance received/likely to be received from foreign agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At the request of National wastelands Development Board (NWDB), National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) initiated a pilot Tree Growers Project in 1986 with an allocation of Rs. 5 crores from National Dairy Development Board. Subsequently, the National Dairy Development Board and the Tree Growers Cooperative Society formed under the pilot project jointly promoted the National Tree Growers Cooperative Federation (NTGCF).

The National Tree Growers Cooperative Federation (NTGCF) has made efforts in promoting and organising Tree Growers Cooperatives as sustainable and viable cooperative structure for establishing bio-mass on degraded wastelands. The